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In re application of: Earl J. Votolato

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES
(37 C.F.R. § 41.31)

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed July 6, 2005, for a second time rejecting claims 1 and 4-7.

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of a small entity. A statement was already filed on November 13, 2001.

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Small entity \$250.00

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3. EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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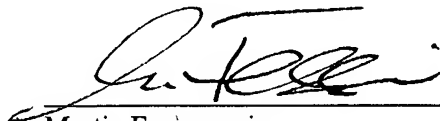
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